

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony Boone on 2/3/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification, on page 9, line 31, delete term "as shown in Figure 1".

Claim 1 c) delete term "the" in front of "Mz" and insert "an".

Claim 15, line 2 delete term "the" in front of "SEC" and insert "an"

Claim 28, line 2 delete term "includes" and insert "selected from the group consisting of"

Claim 28, line 7, delete term "or" and insert term "and"

Claim 37, line 7-8, delete term "1,2,3,4,5 & g, 10-octahydronaphthalene-2,3-dicarboxylic acid anhydride".

Claim 48 – was first presented in the response dated 9/8/2008 and it was accidentally omitted in the response dated 11/7/08.

Claim 48 - delete.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's properly filed Terminal Disclaimers obviate Double Patenting rejections stated throughout the prosecution of this application.

Applicant's cancellation of claims 45-47 obviates new matter rejections as stated in final office action dated 7/7/08.

Instant claims 1-44 teach an adhesive composition comprising functionalized olefin, which olefin before it is functionalized has specific set of properties, not expressly recited in the prior art of record. The prior art of record discloses polymer mixture, wherein polymers are polyolefins.

The prior art of BEREN discloses three component system, wherein component a) is propylene homopolymer, component b) is high melt strength propylene polymer and component c) is modified propylene polymer that is grafted with unsaturated

compound. The branching ratio disclosed in BEREN (see col. 2) is attributed to high melt strength polypropylene, which polymer has graft index of 0.9, however its molecular weight is too high comparing to the polymers of the instant invention.

The second component of BEREN, which is modified polymer comprises unsaturated polar group (in amount of 1.0-4.0 wt %). However, the branching ratio of the polymer of claim 1 is reported before the polymer is functionalized, therefore the functionalized polymer of BEREN is not the same as the functionalized polymer of the instant invention.

Instant claims further contain limitation of Mz, which reflects content of insoluble fractions at given Mw. This limitation is not disclosed in BEREN.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Katarzyna Wyrozebski whose telephone number is (571)272-1127. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 0700 to 1500.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID WU can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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